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1. At a cocktail party [REDACTED] HUANG Hua, briefing spokesman of the Chinese Communist delegation, and Hsiang-hiu (sic)¹, press attaché, attempted to discover the reaction of Western correspondents to the press conference held earlier in the day by LEI Jen-min, Vice-Minister for Foreign Trade, who had hinted that the Western embargo was hurting the Chinese Communist economy. When asked whether they could not get everything they need from the Soviet bloc, the Chinese answered that they need trade with everyone, and that some things which they want cannot be supplied immediately by the Soviet Union.

2. A Western journalist inquired whether China is not about as far advanced with its industrial and agricultural programmes as the Soviet Union was in 1935. Hsiang (HSIUNG?) became angry and said, "Why do you always compare us with the Soviet Union? We are a Communist country, and a great and heavily populated nation. We fight our own battles and we find our own ways to help ourselves. We are nobody's servants."

3. Subsequently, when trade matters were being discussed [redacted] the question was raised whether the Chinese have to obtain approval from Moscow for trade negotiations. [redacted] replied, "They can do as they damn well please."

1.	Comment: Probably HSIUNG Hsiang-hui.
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